

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Rich Kolecki for his contributions to the Boy Scouts and the community of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. It is people like Rich, who volunteer their time and effort, who ensures the creation of future leaders for this nation. Keep up the good work Rich and congratulations on your achievement.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES BEAVER, SERGEANT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of James Beaver. Sergeant Beaver has served with distinction for nearly 30 years as a member of the Police Department at California State University, Long Beach.

Sergeant James Beaver came to the CSULB Police Department after serving our country in Vietnam as a member of the Army. Upon his return, Sergeant Beaver found a calling in public service that appealed to him strongly, and joined the Campus Police on September 6, 1972.

During his tenure, Sergeant Beaver has provided University students, staff and guests with the highest levels of professional police service. He has distinguished himself in perhaps the highest order of being an unparalleled mentor of colleagues and new officers for nearly three decades. Sergeant Beaver has been a model member of both his profession and his community.

Sergeant Beaver will close his professional police career effective December 31, 2001. When he retires, Sergeant Beaver will look back on a career that spanned a period of unprecedented change in our country, and extraordinary dynamic growth in our nation's colleges and universities.

So best wishes to Sergeant Beaver. He will be missed but not forgotten by all those friends and colleagues who will gather on December 22 to wish him the very best for a long, active and healthy retirement.

GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY REPARATIONS ACT OF 2001 (H.R. 3347)

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the good work of Aviation Subcommittee Chairman JOHN MICA. Today, he introduced the "General Aviation Industry Reparations Act," in an effort to compensate general aviation businesses that were closed by government edict after the tragic events of September 11. I am pleased to join Chairman MICA as an original cosponsor of this much-needed legislation.

As a result of the terrorist attacks, this segment of the aviation industry was grounded

significantly longer and was saddled with greater flight restrictions than the larger air carriers. In some cases, certain general aviation airports are still unable to operate. On October 17th, the Aviation Subcommittee heard testimony from those affected by the government shutdown, where we learned that direct compensation is the only hope left for many small companies. Drawing from these hearings, Chairman MICA's legislation allows qualified companies that have suffered economic losses due to the government's actions, to ask for reasonable compensation. This legislation directly provides the much-needed cash infusion these small businesses require to stay in business, while making sure only eligible companies receive funds.

This legislation will affect the constituents of almost every Member of Congress, because general aviation operates at more than 5,300 public airports across America. More than 92 percent of the roughly 225,000 civil aircraft registered in the United States are general aviation aircraft. More than 500,000 of the nation's 635,000 pilots fly general aviation aircraft. General aviation is compromised of private business owners, large and small, that rely on our national airspace for their livelihood. Many of these companies are mom and pop flight schools, parachute schools, scenic tour operators, and the people who gas up planes and tie them down at night.

On October 3, I introduced the "General Aviation Small Business Relief Act" to help out the struggling industry. My bill would allow the Small Business Administration to provide direct grants and low-cost loans to general aviation small businesses directly affected by the terrorist attacks to help them make it through this tough time. I am proud to report that 50 of my colleagues, including Chairman MICA, have joined in the effort to provide relief to general aviation businesses.

This is why I am pleased to join with Mr. MICA today, in trying to help out the general aviation industry. Congress acted swiftly to stabilize the large carriers after the tragic events of September 11. It is time to address the financial crisis facing the general aviation industry. I fully support Mr. MICA's efforts and am proud to be an original cosponsor of his legislation.

MEMORIALIZING MAYOR BILL MANNING

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the late Bill Manning, a decorated war hero, a faithful public servant and my friend.

A California native who settled in Tennessee with his wife Jane, Mr. Manning served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was wounded both times. During his second tour in 1968, he lost both his left arm and right hand as a result of a rocket grenade attack. Mr. Manning had a prosthetic left arm and shoulder, and he designed and patented the Accra Hook to replace his right hand so he could maintain its functionality. Those disabilities did not stop what would become a long list of great achievements.

When he returned from Vietnam, Mr. Manning was elected Recorder in Gibson County, Tennessee, and later, Governor Ned McWherter appointed him state Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs. During that time, Mr. Manning played an important role in the construction of three retirement homes for veterans and three cemeteries for veterans in Tennessee. The West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery and the state veterans home in Humboldt are named in his honor.

In 1999, Mr. Manning was first elected mayor of Bradford, Tennessee, and has been credited with reinvigorating community spirit in that town. He was elected to his second term in that position in May 2001.

I am honored to have worked alongside Bill Manning, who is truly an American hero. His spirit and determination allowed him to overcome his physical obstacles and become a leader whose good work still benefits the people of Bradford, Gibson County and the state of Tennessee. We have lost an amazing man, a courageous leader and a dear friend. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me today in recognizing my friend, Mr. Bill Manning.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON CHAPMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 27, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Don Chapman and thank him for his contributions to the community of Paonia, Colorado. Don will always be remembered as a dedicated leader of the community. As he celebrates his retirement, it is a great loss for a town that has relied on Don for his knowledge and wisdom in times of hardship and prosperity.

Don has served the community of Paonia for over forty years. As a member of the business community he and his family owned and operated a service station, garage and machine shop in the area since 1956. Answering a call to public service in 1973, Don entered the field of politics. He was elected that year to the Town Council as a Trustee, a position he held for the next 10 years. This position propelled Don to the Mayor's office a year later. In 1995, following an eleven-year retirement, Don returned to service and was elected to the Town Council once again.

While serving Paonia, Don has been involved in several organizations that have been instrumental in improving the lives of those who reside in Paonia. He has served on the Fire District Board and the Delta County Hospital Board where he served as President. He has held leadership positions in Masonic Lodge 121, helped bring television to the area, as well as promote Paonia fundraisers, events, and services.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Don Chapman and his contributions to the community of Paonia as he celebrates his retirement from public service. I would like to thank him for his years of dedication and hard work. His time and dedication are well served. I wish Don the best of luck in his future endeavors and hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.